**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

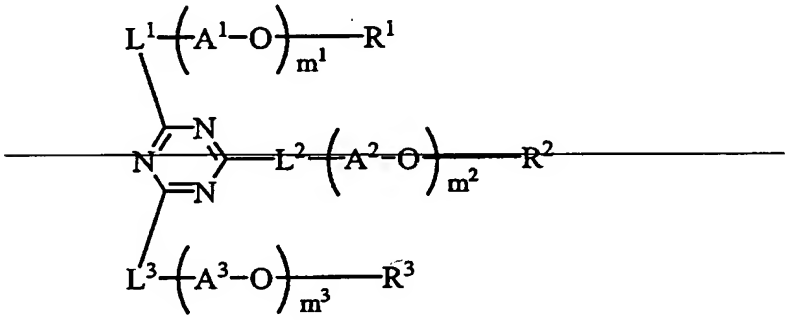
**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An optical compensatory sheet comprising

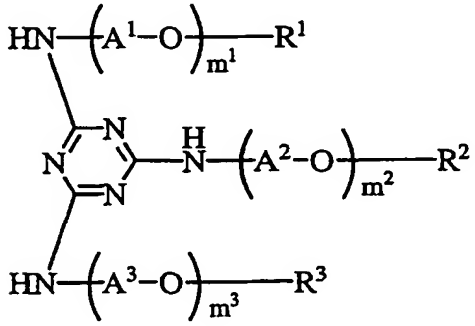
a transparent substrate and

an optically anisotropic layer comprising at least one compound selected from the group represented by Formula [[(I)]] (II):

~~Formula (I)~~



Formula (II)



where ~~$L^1$, $L^2$ and $L^3$ respectively represent a single bond, $NR^a$, where $R^a$ is a hydrogen atom (H), an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group, oxygen atom (O) or sulfur atom (S);~~

$A^1$, $A^2$ and $A^3$ respectively represent an alkylene group; $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a ~~substituent group;~~ substituted or non-substituted alkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryl group; and $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ respectively represent an integer from 1 to 10, ~~not less than 0, at least one of $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ is not 0, when $m^1$ and $m^2$ are 0, $L^3$ represents NH or S;~~ and when $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ are respectively not less than 2, plural $A^1$, $A^2$ or $A^3$ may be same as or different from each other; and

the optically anisotropic layer further comprises liquid crystal molecules fixed in hybrid alignment.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original): The optical compensatory sheet of claim 2, wherein the liquid crystal molecules are selected from discotic liquid crystals.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Original): The optical compensatory sheet of claim 1, wherein $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group.

Claim 6 (Original): The optical compensatory sheet of claim 1, wherein $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a $C_{1-30}$ substituted or non-substituted alkyl group.

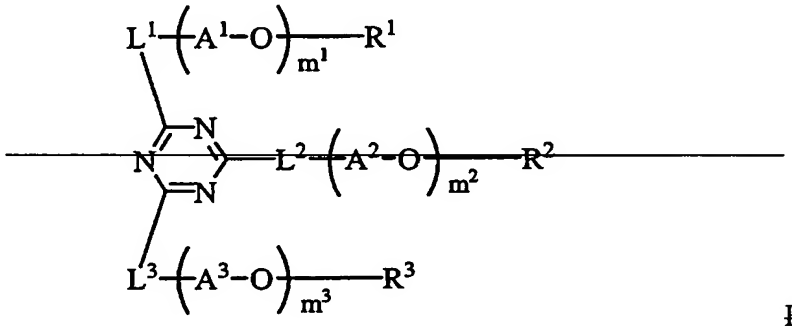
Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Original): The optical compensatory sheet of claim 1, wherein the transparent substrate is a polymer film of cellulose acetate.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An elliptical polarizing plate comprising

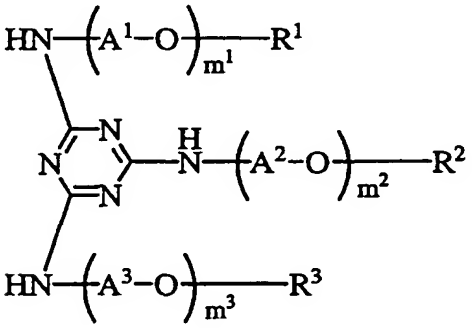
a transparent substrate,

an optically anisotropic layer comprising at least one compound selected from the group represented by Formula ~~[(I)]~~ (II):



~~Formula (I)~~

Formula (II)



where ~~$L^1$, $L^2$ and $L^3$ respectively represent a single bond, $NR^a$, where $R^a$ is a hydrogen atom (H), an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group, oxygen atom (O) or sulfur atom (S);~~ $A^1$, $A^2$ and $A^3$ respectively represent an alkylene group; $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a ~~substituent group;~~ substituted or non-substituted alkyl group or a substituted or non-

substituted aryl group; and $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ respectively represent an integer from 1 to 10, ~~not less than 0, at least one of $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ is not 0, when $m^1$ and $m^2$ are 0, $L^3$ represents NH or S;~~ and when $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ are respectively not less than 2, plural $A^1$, $A^2$ or $A^3$ may be same as or different from each other; and

the optically anisotropic layer further comprises liquid crystal molecules fixed in hybrid alignment; and

a polarizing film disposed nearer to the optically anisotropic layer than to the transparent substrate.

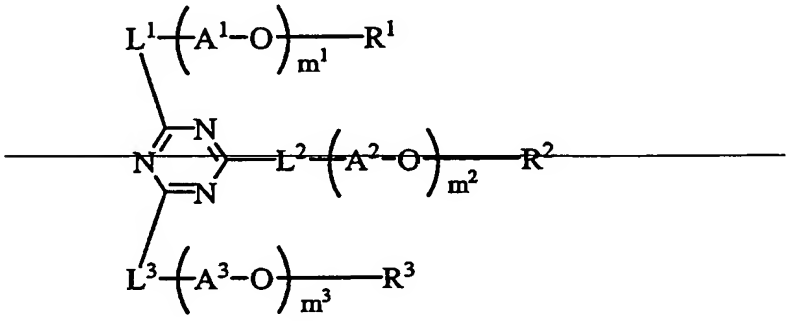
Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display comprising

a pair of polarizing films,

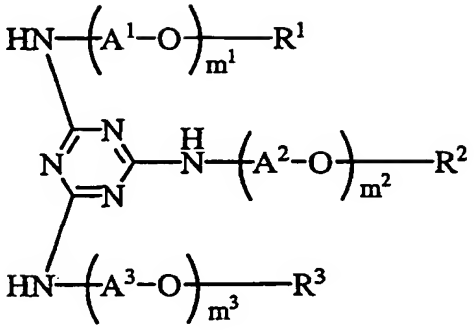
a liquid crystal cell which is disposed between the polarizing films, and

at least one optically anisotropic layer comprising at least one compound selected from the group represented by Formula ~~[[(I)]]~~ (II):

~~Formula (I)~~



Formula (II)



where ~~$L^1$, $L^2$ and $L^3$ respectively represent a single bond, $NR^a$, where $R^a$ is a hydrogen atom (H), an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group, oxygen atom (O) or sulfur atom (S);~~ $A^1$, $A^2$ and $A^3$ respectively represent an alkylene group; $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a ~~substituent group;~~ substituted or non-substituted alkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryl group; and $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ respectively represent an integer from 1 to 10, ~~not less than 0, at least one of $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ is not 0, when $m^1$ and $m^2$ are 0, $L^3$ represents NH or S;~~ and when $m^1$, $m^2$ and $m^3$ are respectively not less than 2, plural $A^1$, $A^2$ or $A^3$ may be same as or different from each other; and

the at least one optically anisotropic layer further comprises liquid crystal molecules fixed in hybrid alignment;

~~which~~ wherein the at least one optically anisotropic layer is disposed between the liquid crystal cell and at least one of the pair of polarizing films.

Claim 12 (Original): The liquid crystal display of claim 11, wherein the liquid crystal cell is driven in TN-mode.

Claim 13 (New): The optical compensatory sheet of claim 1, wherein $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a non-substituted alkyl group.

Claim 14 (New): The optical compensatory sheet of claim 1, wherein $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a $C_{1-30}$ non-substituted alkyl group.

Claim 15 (New): The optical compensatory sheet of claim 1, wherein $R^1$, $R^2$ and $R^3$ respectively represent a $C_{3-30}$ non-substituted alkyl group.